survey number, the matter may be represented to the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 82.

Temporary remission of Bagayet assessment.

Messrs. Rama Rao, Bhaskar Rao, Lakshmana Rao and Sivaiya Gowda, Sorab Taluk.
Mr. Rattihalli Puttappa, Shimoga District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Arecanut and cocoanut trees have been entirely destroyed owing to the scanty rainfall last year. New trees have to be planted, and they take 12 years to come into bearing. Pray that Bagayet kandayam may be remitted and the lands assessed at wet rates instead, till the young plants come into bearing.

Concession to Malnad Bagayets.

Messrs. Yagaian Subba Rao, Yagaian Krishnappa and H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

(*b*) Bagayet gardens in the malnad have suffered a good deal by the annual visitation of koleroga owing to the scanty rains in recent years; the areca trees are speedily dying out. Cardamom plants, pepper, betel-leaf and other plants of minor bagayet produce have also been destroyed. The yield from Bagayet gardens hardly covers the assessment. The owners have thus been put to great trouble. It is therefore requested that the garden assessment may be reduced.

Reply of Government.—At the time of the revision settlement, which is in progress in the malnad parts of the State, the present condition of each garden will be carefully considered, and its assessment revised, if necessary. There are no rules providing for the grant of temporary remissions in such cases.

SUBJECT No. 83.

Reduction of assessment on garden lands lying waste or cultivated with wet crops

Messrs. Hutchveeregowda, Gubbi Taluk, and K. B. Srinivasa Rao, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Some garden lands are assessed at the heavy rate of Rs. 16 an acre. Owing to the uncertainty of seasonal rainfall, some of these lands have not been taken up and are lying waste, besides being a source of loss to Government. It is prayed therefore that such lands may be allowed to be taken up for wet cultivation on payment of wet rates.

Reply of Government.—Extreme garden rates will disappear at the time of revision settlement. Under the existing rules sufficient provision is made to encourage the taking up of such lands by allowing discretion to reduce the assessment temporarily.

SUBJECT No. 84.

Grant of garden lands on favorable rates.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There are a number of gardens lying waste near the ghats. Owing to the sparseness of population, their produce is auctioned and sold for small sums (4 annas or 8 annas). On account of their situation it is impossible to cultivate them and pay the high assessment now fixed on them. If they are given out on wet rates, or some concession be shown to intending cultivators, many persons from the South Canara District will be attracted and the lands will be brought under cultivation. It is therefore requested that orders may be passed to this effect, as this would increase the Government revenue.